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FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna *W/d* ☐

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Intelligence Fabrication Centers

1. On 2 August, Greengrasser 1 reported the following information verbally. An individual using the name Fritz HELLITSCHER has been operating an intelligence fabrication center in Vienna for the past six months. His office is located in the IV Bezirk, Wohllebengasse. Two permanent secretaries are kept busy there and occasionally other persons whose descriptions are lacking work at the premises. HELLITSCHER'S fabrications are alleged to be Soviet controlled and are known to play up matters pertaining to Cominform meetings, personnel, and policy.

2. A group of non-Communist Austrians whom Greengrasser 1 refers to as the Woodling Group, which includes Fritz HELLITSCHER (sm), and several associates, is suspected to be in liaison with HELLITSCHER. Greengrasser 1 asserted that last year the Woodling Group was receiving deception information from the EPOs which they peddled to the French, British, and American intelligence services in Vienna. Members of the group claimed that they were in touch with State Secretary GRAF who denied to Greengrasser 1 that this was true. They also claimed that they had abundant financial resources and this contention was disproved.

3. Josef URBAN, a well-known fabricator, is known to be in communication with members of the Woodling Group.

4. Recently, Greengrasser 1 commenced to investigate the activities of the HELLITSCHER-Woodling-URBAN triangle. At present, he is unable to transmit samples of fabricated reports but has agreed to do so in the future. He will also keep us up-to-date on the results of his investigation.

5. Greengrasser 1B pointed out that Fritz HELLITSCHER should not be confused with Professor Walter HELLITSCHER of Berlin. The latter, a well-known German Communist figure, left Austria for Germany early this year.

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